



# HADLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT

IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK

## ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for 1948

### SECTION A

#### 1.—General Statistics

Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 2,976  
Number of Inhabited Houses 958  
Sum represented by a penny rate £47

Area 4,317  
Rateable Value £11,700

#### 2.—Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year

LIVE BIRTHS	TOTAL	M	F		
Legitimate	52	22	30	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	17.5
Illegitimate	0	0	0	England and Wales	17.9
TOTAL	52	22	30		
STILL BIRTHS					
Legitimate	2	2	0	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	0.67
Illegitimate	0	0	0	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population, England and Wales	0.42
TOTAL	2	2	0		
DEATHS registered in 1948				Death Rate (crude)	11.8
TOTAL	35	Male 11	Female 24	Death Rate of England and Wales	10.8
Number of women dying in or in consequence of child-birth					
(a) Sepsis	..	..	..	..	0
(b) Other causes	..	..	..	..	0
Death of Infants under one year	..	..	..	..	0
Death Rate of Infants under one Year in England and Wales per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	34

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	3	3	6
Measles	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Diarrhoea	0	0	0
Senility	2	5	7
Heart Disease	5	8	13
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	1	2	3
Bronchitis	0	1	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	0	5	5

### SECTION B

#### Prevalence of Infectious Diseases

#### CASES NOTIFIED

	NO. NOTIFIED	ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS
Whooping Cough	20	Nil	Nil
Measles	82	Nil	Nil

There has been no outbreak of food poisoning during the year.

An epidemic of Measles occurred, beginning in the last day of September and ending in the third week of November. 72 children were affected. 42 males and 30 females. The age incidence is shown below.

Previous to the epidemic there had been no notifications of measles for over two months and there were none in December.

#### AGE INCIDENCE

	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—6	6—7	7—8	8—9 & over
Measles	0	3	10	7	15	16	11	10	0

#### TUBERCULOSIS

New Notifications 1 ; Pulmonary 0 ; Non-Pulmonary 1 ; Transfers into the area 1 of Pulmonary Disease.

### SECTION C

#### 1. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer (part time)

One Sanitary Inspector (part time)—A. S. Garman, M.I. Mun. E., C.R.S.I.

#### 2. NURSING IN THE HOME

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses.

#### 3. INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town.

#### 4. HEALTH VISITING

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh and District with a Health Visitor (part time).

### SECTION D

#### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

#### WATER SUPPLY

##### PUBLIC SUPPLY

During the year 1948 main water was supplied to No. 1 District (Town Area). The quantity and quality have been satisfactory.

During the year, 50 houses were connected to the main supplies in No. 1 District. 685 houses have a laid-on supply, out of a total of 810 in the No. 1 District.

Approximately 125 houses are served by stand pipes situated at a reasonable distance.

Approximately 2,500 persons are supplied from public water mains.

The consumption of water per head per day of the population in the No. 1 District is 29 gallons.

##### PRIVATE SUPPLIES

The rural area of Hadleigh (No. 2 Area) is supplied by private boreholes or wells, except 16 houses which are supplied from the Council's mains.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

No. 1 District (Town Area) is served with main drainage and sewers and the Sewage Outfall Works has been working efficiently throughout the year.

There are 226 houses not connected to the sewers. During the year there were 13 new connections for 49 houses and 1 factory.

Total number of houses now connected to the sewers 584 in addition to other properties.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

SCAVENGING

The arrangements for the collection and disposal of house refuse remain the same, the refuse being collected and taken to a satisfactory dump outside the town by a contractor. Collections are made once per week. 11½ tons of waste paper, etc., were collected and sold.

CESSPOOLS, PRIVIES AND PAIL CLOSETS

The emptying of these is still undertaken by the Council with a scale of charges on occupiers of houses.

The work is decreasing as further connections are made to the sewers.

During the Year the following were emptied by the Council's plant :—

Cesspools 12                      Privy Pits 21                      Pail Closets 3,160

SECTION E

HOUSING

No routine survey of the houses in the districts have been possible as the sanitary inspector is part time and other duties have been more urgent.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

By the Council	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
By private enterprise	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Houses owned by the Council at the end of the year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	110
Prefabricated houses	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10

INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES

Total No. of dwelling-houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	69
Total No. of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	.. .. .. .. ..	69
Remedy of defects without service of formal notices..	.. .. .. ..	55
Action under Statutory Powers	.. .. .. ..	Nil

SECTION F

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

One supplementary licence was renewed during the year for the sale of pasteurised milk, one new registration.

TUBERCULIN TESTED MILK

Notification was received from the County Medical Officer of Health that licences for T.T. milk were granted to 2 producers of milk in the urban area during the year.

SECTION G

FOOD INSPECTION

Four Condemnation Certificates were issued as a result of inspections of meat and other foods during the year.

## SECTION H

Particulars of inspections and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended 31st December, 1948 :—

Visits of Inspection .. .. .	280
Factories including Bakehouses .. .. .	12
Dairies and Cowsheds .. .. .	18
Informal notices served on owners and others .. .. .	26
Informal notices complied with .. .. .	15
Work done under notices to owners and others and without notices :—	
New connections to the sewers (representing 29 houses, 1 factory and 1 shop) ..	13
New W.C.'s connected to the sewers .. .. .	56
Existing W.C.'s connected to the sewers .. .. .	1
New sinks connected to the sewers .. .. .	41
Existing sinks connected to the sewers .. .. .	4
New baths connected to the sewers .. .. .	23
New wash basins connected to the sewers .. .. .	29
New urinals connected to the sewers .. .. .	1
Number of cesspools filled in .. .. .	1
Number of privy pits filled in .. .. .	14
Number of pail closets discontinued .. .. .	16
Repairs to Cottages (general) .. .. .	8
New water closets, wash basins and urinal to Factory .. .. .	6
Samples of drinking water taken for analysis .. .. .	3
Number of houses connected to the water mains where well water was found unsatisfactory	3
Nuisances abated .. .. .	1
Repairs to food store .. .. .	6
Specimens submitted to Bacteriologist in connection with Paratyphoid cases returned from hospital .. .. .	6

Food condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

4 tins of potted meat.  
4 tins of fish.  
7 tins of evaporated milk.  
11 tins of lemon curd.  
3 tins of peas .  
3 tins of fruit.  
1 tin of tomatoes.  
1 tin of beans.  
4 lbs. of beef trimmings.

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